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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

In an Office Action dated September 13, 2002, the Examiner requested English translations of the non-English documents. Although not required (see MPEP

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§ 609.III.A(3) (8<sup>th</sup> ed. 2001), Applicants obtained and enclose English language translations of "Measurement and control of flow rate of powder," CHEMICAL ENGINEERING (1998) 62:379-80, and "Kagakukogaku Kyokai," KAGAKUKOUGAKU BINRANI, Rev. 5th Ed. (1988) 870-71 as a courtesy to the Examiner.

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